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District #1

Three years ago, as we began our adventure as a new city, the council and city manager held a goal setting retreat that has become an annual tradition. The purpose for our get-together was to adopt a pattern for determining future priorities. At our first meeting all members of the city council brought ideas to be prioritized. Thus began our goal setting adventure. We have just completed our fourth retreat. As our staff has grown and we have brought more cost saving functions in house, we have invited the heads of the various departments to participate by expressing their

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thoughts pertaining to their respective assignments. We have now set our goals for the year beginning July 1st, 2008. These goals, like the previous ones, will guide us in deciding where we allocate your tax dollars.

I will review some of these goals in this month's newsletter. Space will not allow comments on all items, but I have selected some that seem to me to be pertinent.

At our initial retreat three years ago, we were unanimous in setting our top priority - Public Safety. That has remained first each year, including this year. We have made significant progress with fire, animal control, and other safety services. The last two years we have eliminated many trip hazards from our sidewalks which will take a few more years to finish. We have installed ADA ramps and even improved our street signs to the new standard where they are much more noticeable in the dark, thus assisting emergency vehicles as well as others looking for homes or businesses.

Our main focus for next fiscal year is getting our police department up and running. We are well into that effort as we are getting a head start in this fiscal year. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a progress report. We have also re-defined our enlarged ordinance enforcement department.

After public safety, it's difficult to prioritize the goals. One secondary effort is to prioritize our Capitol Projects Needs. Mountview and Cottonwood Heights Elementary schools acquisition are both high on our list for master-planning. We are also pursuing grants to supplement our budget.

Promotion of community identity and cohesiveness through enhanced communication programs and continued improvement of popular public events are both sought after goals. We are also looking to establishing an Arts Council. Continuing our well received District Discussion Nights as an annual event for each of our four districts is planned. We will also utilize our website

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To hear the agenda for the next city council meeting call: 545-4155

For the planning commission agenda call 545-4156

For details about the agendas, check our web site:  
[www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)

## NUMBERS TO KNOW:

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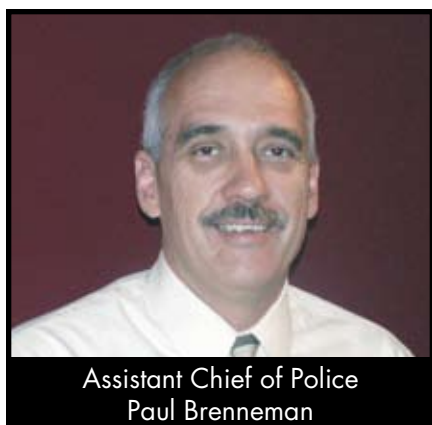
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## CHPD BULLETIN

### ORGANIZATION OF CHPD PROGRESSING

The CHPD staff tripled in size during the past month. On Wednesday, April 2, Sgt. Paul Brenneman, formerly of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, became Assistant Chief of Police to Chief Robby Russo who was appointed just over a month ago. Following the hiring of Assistant Chief Brenneman, a project manager, Heath Lowry, was also hired to assist in the organization process. Chiefs' Russo and Brenneman are both full-time sworn officers.

In addition to hiring Assistant Chief Brenneman, CHPD has acquired its first automobile (an impressively designed and loaded



Assistant Chief of Police  
Paul Brenneman

Dodge Charger). Chief Russo will be utilizing the new vehicle as he works at organizing the police department in anticipation of a September 1 start date. If you see the new Cottonwood Heights black & white out on the road,

wave at the chief, he'll happily respond.

Other accomplishments of the past month include study of the best method for a dispatch system and preliminary contract negotiations for dispatch, radios, and records management; analysis of vehicle needs and preparation of orders for same; delivery of laptop computers for each patrol car; additional work on writing the policies and procedures that will govern police activities; ongoing efforts at designing and locating space to house the police department; and numerous other steps along the timeline being

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## DISTRICT 4 TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED

Councilman Bruce Jones has scheduled a district town meeting for Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the city offices, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Suite #300. All residents of Council District 4 are invited to attend this meeting and to discuss items of interest to those who reside in the city and council district 4 specifically.

The discussion will begin with Councilman Jones making a presentation outlining accomplishments of the city during its first three years of existence. Following this brief presentation, he along with Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore,

City Manager Liane Stillman, and other city staff members will be on hand to answer questions and receive input regarding the operation of the city.

Council District 4 includes most of the east end of Cottonwood Heights from approximately 3000 East to the mountains and from Fort Union Blvd., south to the city boundary.



## **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

*for April, 2008*

Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith has announced the public works projects that will be starting during the next couple of months. Most of the planned projects will result in traffic pattern alterations for a few days to near three months at various times during the summer.

The major project will be the replacement of sewer pipe in Union Park Drive, south of Fort Union Blvd. This project is being contracted by the Cottonwood Improvement District and will begin on April 7th. It is estimated to take nearly three months and will result in traffic barricades and congestion on Union Park Drive between Fort Union Blvd. and the Creek Road intersection. Even though most of the construction will be on the Midvale side of the road, traffic on the Cottonwood Heights' side (north bound) will be significantly impacted. The project manager is Todd Andrus of Condie Construction Corp. He can be contacted at: [todd@condieconstruction.com](mailto:todd@condieconstruction.com) or 801-489-3070 x 10 or 801-404-9297. EXPECT DELAYS!!

A second, equally congested but not as lengthy, project will begin in early May and will be caused by extensive road repair work along Fort Union Blvd., between 1300 East and Highland Drive (2000 East). This disruption is expected to last about three weeks.

Of lesser impact will be the installation of new ADA curb ramps in the 3500 East and 7500 South area. This is being done in preparation for pavement work which will begin in May.

Finally, the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road will be torn up at about 3000 East for installation of curb and gutter and for storm drain repair. A starting date has not been set for this project.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE** *Dedicate a Luminaria to a Loved One*

As has been previously discussed in the NEWS JOURNAL, the 2nd annual East Bench Relay for Life is scheduled for June 13 & 14 at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. The kickoff for this event will take place on Friday evening, June 13, and will include a Luminaria lighting ceremony. This can be a very memorable occasion for those who have lost loved ones to the ravages of cancer and who want to honor them as part of the East Bench Relay for Life weekend.

Luminaria can be purchased at the city offices for \$5.00 per bag. The

bag can then be taken home and decorated as desired in remembrance of the loved one to be honored. Photos, Names, Special Remembrances, etc. can be attached to the Luminaria. It should then be returned to city office by May 30th for use the night of June 13 in the Luminaria lighting ceremony.

Information about this and other programs relating to the East Bench Relay for Life can be answered by contacting Suzanne Hutchins at 545-4154 or [shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov). Give it some thought and spend a little time and money to honor those special memories.



## **HELP US FIND THE POT HOLES!**

Who hasn't wanted to call the city and complain about a pot hole that seems to suck the car in every time you go near it. Now is the time to take advantage of that opportunity and alert public works to the dangers of those yawning holes in the roads. With the winter we have just had, many roads are in terrible condition and it will likely take most of the summer to get them all repaired; but you can get a leg up

by notifying the city of the pot hole that is especially grievous to you.

### **There are three ways to Public Works:**

1. **Public works department: 545-4154**
2. **[mallen@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:mallen@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)**
3. **[www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)**  
-Click on E Better Place and follow directions







# Names in the NEWS

Residents of Cottonwood Heights are active and successful in many aspects of life. The NEWS JOURNAL is made aware of some of these people and is pleased to make our readers aware of their personal and professional accomplishments and of noteworthy efforts to help others. This month we recognize the following:

**Rosemarie Snydergaard** is a 14 year crossing guard at Bella Vista Elementary School and has been keeping children safe for 18 years. At 81, she is still at her post for each assignment and continues to make friends with the children, many of whom are bigger than she is. Rosemarie was featured in a January 10, 2008 article in the Salt Lake Tribune. Congratulations to Rosemarie for her years of service and thanks for caring.

**Chase O’Neil** is a 14 year old singer and song-writer who recently won the PTA Reflections contest at Butler Middle School for her original song, “Find A Cure.” Chase will now go on to compete in a regional contest. She has been writing songs since she was in the second grade and has traveled to Japan to perform. Congratulations to Chase and best wishes for future contests and performances.

**Parry Bolyard** is newly appointed to the Cottonwood Heights Planning Commission. Mr. Bolyard is a resident of Cottonwood Heights living in the Southwest end of the city near the boundary with Sandy. He has assisted the city in the past with zoning concerns and is conversant with land use issues. He becomes a Member of the Planning Commission replacing Commissioner Sue Ryser who recently resigned. Former Alternate Planning Commissioner **Amy Rosevear** has moved to Sue Ryser’s position and Mr. Bolyard will take Ms. Rosevear’s position as an Alternate

**Jill Taylor** was recently recognized by Wasatch Woman Magazine, along with five other outstanding women, as a Wasatch Woman of the Year 2008. Ms. Taylor is a resident of Cottonwood Heights and is president of Key Bank Utah.

# April City Council Meeting Schedule

All April city council business meetings will be held in the new council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings will be held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, April 8 – Work meeting 6 p.m.

**Business Meeting 7 p.m.**

*Public Hearing re: CDBG Funds 7:15 p.m.*

- Tuesday, April 15 – Work meeting 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 22 – Work meeting 6 p.m.

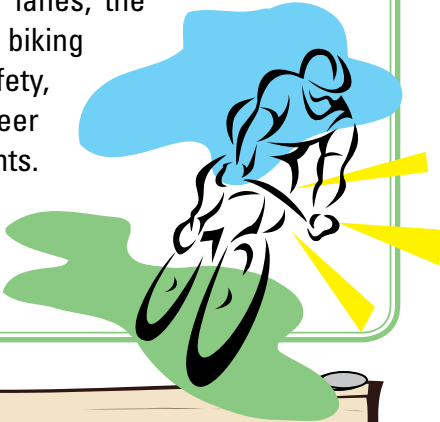
**Business Meeting 7 p.m.**

*Adoption of CDBG Funds Resolution*

- Tuesday, April 29– Work meeting 6 p.m.

# BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMING

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., has asked bike enthusiasts who may want to participate on an advisory committee to the city council to make yourselves known. The committee will be responsible to assist the council in making decisions about the establishment of biking lanes, the planning and development of biking events, the promotion of bike safety, etc. Interested bikers can volunteer on-line at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) or by calling the city office at 545-4154.



# Butlerville Days Committee Gearing Up



**Butlerville Days  
2008**

Once again in 2008, plan on spending the afternoon of Thursday, July 24th at Butler Park where the Butlerville Days activities will be centered. Planning for the 2008 edition of Butlerville Days is in process. The committee, under the direction of co-chairs Marty and Mary Ann Vuyk, is making arrangements for the parade, rides and games, entertainment, competitions, an auto exhibit, and fireworks. Activities will be held as in the last four years, with a parade at 4 p.m. to kick-off festivities and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. to bring the event to a close. Happenings will continue from the parade to the fireworks, with fun and activities for all ages.

Those wanting to have an entry in the parade should contact Kim Horiuchi by phone at 947-0079. There is no charge for parade participation and entries are welcomed and encouraged. The more the merrier. Children aren’t required to register.

**Volunteers are needed to assist with everything from the parade to the fireworks. Anyone interested can register by email at: [shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).**





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used to mark progress and provide direction in the organization process.

With Assistant Chief Brenneman on board, interviewing and hiring of applicants for the four Sergeant positions will be undertaken. They will be hired in July and then will participate in the hiring process for other officers.

Assistant Chief Brenneman is a 17 year veteran of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department where he served as a Patrol Deputy, SWATT Member, TAC Squad Member, and Detective. He was promoted to Sergeant in January, 1998, and has served as a Patrol Sergeant, Metro Gang Supervisor, and in various administrative positions.

Prior to working in the Sheriff's Department, he was a West Jordan Police Officer where he worked with SWAT, Field Training, and Range and Firearms Training. He has also held offices in the Fraternal Order of Police Union and has been active in baseball with both little league and high school.

Assistant Chief Brenneman and his wife Natalie have three children, ages 20, 18, and 12. He has worked in the Cottonwood Heights Precinct of the Sheriff's Department for the past 4 years.

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([www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)) as a primary communication tool. This is becoming more visible and more popular. Improved communication through our NEWS JOURNAL in the Valley Journal is also being pursued. Seeking opportunities for special interest activities that may appeal to smaller segments of our population are being discussed. Input is welcomed.

We also hope to develop and implement more effective methods of service to all who do business with Cottonwood Heights. We will develop an internal quality control system using the website's EBetter Place for evaluating our customer service performance skills. This tool has been successful in helping those with complaints or compliments, to draw our attention to both needs and successes. We are establishing meaningful standards for achieving measurable improvements.

Fostering and establishing improvement of parks, trails, and beautification projects is essential. We are working with the stakeholders to establish a long range plan for Crestwood Park. Plans for the

establishment of Big Cottonwood Trail and Old Mill Pond will soon be finalized. Funding sources are being sought, and we are working towards actually beginning construction. Work will continue with Cottonwood Heights Recreation Service District on mutual interest items, including much needed tennis courts. We will continue to promote preservation of open space in the city.

Another essential effort will be to work with other municipalities in response to the citizen's vote to create a new school district. Additional information is elsewhere in this publication.

The above is but a sampling of where we are going. Pursuing these goals will help us achieve our mission as specified in our Mission Statement. The crux of that statement is:

**The mission of Cottonwood Heights is:**

*"To maximize the quality of life for residents and facilitate the opportunity for success of compatible businesses in the city."*

*We should all work to that end.*

## MEET THE NEW SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The sixteen (16) candidates running for the new east side school district 3 board of education seat have been invited to attend a Youth City Council sponsored Candidate Forum on Thursday, May 29. The forum will be held in the city offices, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd. at 7:00 p.m. In light of the number of candidates, there will not be formal presentation but each candidate will have a location at which attendees may have some one-on-one time to discuss concerns. The entire slate of candidates will be on the Primary Election Ballot on Tuesday, June 24th and the winner of that election will be on the new school board. District 3 residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with the candidates. Alphabetically they are:

Renee Bangerter	John Cannon Josephson
Sandy Brunnenmeyer	Chet D. Linton
Jerry S. Christensen	Allan R. Nelson
Kevin Craig Cromar	Clay Pearce
Teresa Curtis	Brandon Sheppard
Martha Heiskell	Raelynn Swenson
Debra H. Hunter	Mel Thomson
Randy Johnson	Julie B. Tikalsky

## "FILL YOUR OWN" Sand Bags to be Available

In anticipation of a heavier than usual runoff this Spring, the city is providing sand and bags for use by those citizens who are concerned about their location in relation to possible runoff. The sand and the bags will be available at the city property just west of Cottonwood Heights Elementary School by late April. An effort will be made by the city to have youth and other service groups fill as many bags as possible; however, any resident is welcome to visit the sand pile and fill bags for personal use (those who are able should fill their own bags and leave the bags filled by groups for the elderly and others needing assistance).

**IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SAND BAGS AND NO RUNOFF THAN RUNOFF AND NO SAND BAGS!!!!**